

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10-12 and 14-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 18 have been amended, claim 21 has been added and claims 10 and 20 have been canceled without prejudice by the present Amendment. Amended claims 1 and 18 and new claim 21 do not introduce any new subject matter.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 12, 14 and 19 are allowed and that claims 10 and 17-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In order to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of allowable claim 10, and has canceled claim 10. In addition, Applicant has rewritten claim 17 in independent form in the form of new claim 21. Applicant has also canceled claim 20.

TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR

Applicant has amended claim 1 to fix an inadvertent typographical error, wherein "the display is movable about the second hinge" was changed to "the display panel is movable about the second hinge". This change is also reflected in new claim 21, and does not create any new issues that would preclude the instant amendment from being entered.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-2, 4, 11, 15-

16 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,871,356 ("Chang")¹.

In order to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 10, and has canceled claim 20. Applicant's amendment is not a representation as to the propriety of the rejection.

As such, for at least the reason of the amendment to claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 is not anticipated by Chang. Claims 2, 4, 11 and 15-16 depend from claim 1, which, for the reason stated hereinabove, is submitted not to be anticipated by the cited reference. For at least this very same reason, claims 2, 4, 11 and 15-16 are also submitted not to be anticipated by the cited reference.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-2, 4, 11, 15-16 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and that claims 1-2, 4, 11 and 15-16 are in condition for allowance, claim 20 having been canceled.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 3 and 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,719,343 ("Emerling") and U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2003/0184137 ("Jost").

In order to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 10. Applicant's amendment is not a representation as to the propriety of the rejection.

¹ It appears that the Examiner, when referring to Chang, incorrectly listed U.S. Patent No. 6,669,285 to Park et al., instead of U.S. Patent No. 6,871,356, on which the rejections appear to be based.

As such, for at least the reason of the amendment to claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 is patentable over Chang in view of Emerling and Jost. For at least the reason that claims 3 and 5-8 depend from claim 1, claims 3 and 5-8 are also submitted to be patentably distinct over the cited references.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 3 and 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) and that claims 3 and 5-8 are in condition for allowance.

DEPENDENT CLAIMS

Applicant has not independently addressed the rejections of all the dependent claims because Applicant submits that, in view of the amendments to the claims presented herein and, for at least similar reasons as why the independent claims from which the dependent claims depend are believed allowable as discussed, supra, the dependent claims are also allowable. Applicant however, reserves the right to address any individual rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary or appropriate.

NEW CLAIM

Applicant respectfully submits claim 21 for consideration. As stated above, Applicant has rewritten allowable claim 17 in independent form in the form of new claim 21.

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may telephone Applicant's Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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